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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
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SUBJECT: Proposed Talking Points for Meeting with Mr. McFarlane  
on the Berlin Issues

1. You may want to review with Mr. McFarlane where the USG stands on the two active Berlin issues: the air corridors and the USMLM shooting.

2. On the air corridors my understanding is that:

- The Soviets are continuing unilaterally to impose reservations that the Allies have declared unacceptable.
- The USG is moving toward a consensus that it must make a strong high level demarche to the Soviets followed, if necessary, by a demonstration flight through Soviet reserved airspace along an entire corridor.
- The French agree that the time has come for a demonstration flight, but believe it should violate the Soviet reservation only where the reservation affects the landing pattern (that is, not in the entire corridor.)
- The British want to make one more compromise proposal in the Berlin Air Safety Center and then see if a demonstration flight is really necessary. If it were necessary, the British would probably prefer the French rather than the US concept.

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3. On the MLM shooting:

- Last week the USG seemed agreed that it should try to improve the working conditions of the three Western Missions through a Soviet commitment not to use deadly force, a reaffirmation of the 1947 agreement setting up the Missions and, if possible, the eventual reduction in the size of the permanent restricted areas. The USG believed the best venue for achieving its goals was a meeting of the US and Soviet CINCs in Germany and, through the Soviet DCM in Washington, asked for a CINC meeting.
- Last Saturday, the Soviets agreed in principle to a CINC meeting but stipulated that it should be preceded by working level meetings, the Soviet intent probably being to drag out the issue
- On Monday, a SIG attended by Rick Burt and Richard Pearle seemingly agreed that a CINC meeting should be held forthwith, that the Soviet Mission in Frankfurt should be confined to its quarters at least until such a meeting was held, and that, if the Soviets did not become forthcoming soon, we should begin PNGing their attaches in Washington. Since then, however, SECDEF has publicly rejected the idea of a CINC meeting until the Soviets make an outright apology to the US. These mixed signals may well leave the Soviets to conclude that divisions within the USG have taken the pressure off them and that they can ride out the US rhetorical storm.



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